GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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SMUGGLING OF RADIOACTIVE URANIUM
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that a large quantity of radioactive materials and natural uranium are smuggled from India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have taken any concrete action to check this smuggling; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI)

(a)to(d): No case of theft or smuggling of radioactive material or natural uranium from any of the units of the Department of Atomic Energy has occurred. Foolproof security arrangements and accounting procedures are in place at various nuclear installations to safeguard against any incident of theft or smuggling of radio active materials.